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In re application of

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Serial No. NEW

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

--This application is a Divisional application of Serial number 09/000,041 filed February

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20, 1998, now pending, which is a 371 of PCT/JP96/01956 filed July 12, 1996, also pending.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;